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Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner David Comstock	Art Unit 3733

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) David Comstock. (3) _____.

(2) Lisa Adams. (4) _____.

Date of Interview: 01 December 2006.

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy given to: 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: N/A.

Identification of prior art discussed: Lai 5,509,328.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

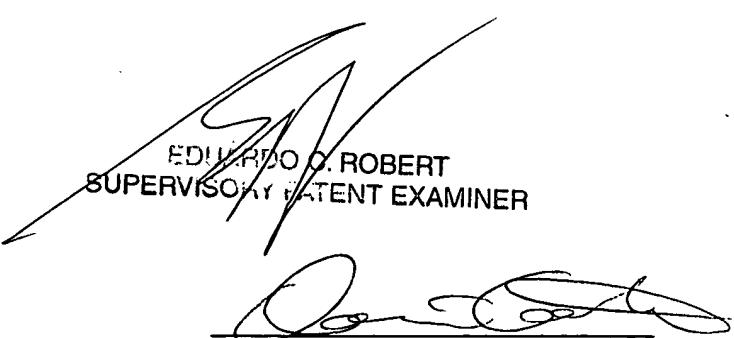
Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: It appears that adding a limitation that the device is "implantable" or the like would overcome the rejection based on the Lai reference, since Lai discloses a handlebar for a bicycle which would not reasonably have the capability to be implanted as a spinal fixation system. Regardless, an updated search and further consideration of any actual amendment and comments will be necessary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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